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FOR NSF/BARTOCHA FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: NSF/NCST PROGRAM: MID-TERM REVIEW TALKS

REF: HULL MEMO TO ROOT, DECEMBER 29, 1975

1. I APPRECIATE WORD THROUGH SCIATT OF YOUR LEADING NSF REPRESENTATION AT FEBRUARY MID-TERM REVIEW TATQS. YOUR DECISION REFLECTS MY OWN SENSE OF NEED TO IMPRESS GOR WITH MAJOR CONCERNS OF OUR BILATERAL PROGRAMS.

2. I HAD SHARED SOME OF THESE CONCERNS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA, WHO WILL HEAD THE ROMANIAN SIDE, AFTER MY RETURN FROM WASHINGTON LAST MONTH. WE WILL BE MEETING TO DISCUSS EXCHANGES AGREEMENT AGAIN ON JANUARY 26 BY WHICH TIME GLIGA SAID HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETED HIS OWN REVIEW. I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE YOUR PARTICIPATION THEN TO GLIGA AND RAISE FLAG ON SPECIAL POINTS YOU INTEND TO STRESS DURING WASHINGTON TALKS. THESE MIGHT WELL GO BEYOND NSF TALKING POINTS LISTED IN HULL'S MEMO TO OES/ROOT.

3. EMBASSY FINDS GENERAL DRIFT OF NUMEROUS PROBLEMS IN US/GOR EXCHANGES ACUTELY TYPIFIED IN NSF/NCST PROGRAM. WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE GLIGA DIRECTLY AWARE THAT EXTENT OF CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES POSES THREAT TO ENTIRE EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP. I HOPE THAT THIS WOULD SERVE AS USEFUL PREPARATORY SESSION FOR GLIGA WHOSE ATTENDANCE AT APENING
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AND CLOSING SESSIONS WILL BRACKET HEAVY SCHEDULE OF OTHER

COMMITMENTS. ALTHOUGH I ALSO EXPECT TO SEE URSU AGAIN BEFORE
GLIGA LEAVES, A CHANCE TO DELIVER HIGHLIGHTS OF NSF'S VIEWS
TO GLIGA AT THIS STAGE IS IMPORTANT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS IN TIME FOR MONDAY
MEETING.
BARNES

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